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SUBJECT: AEGEAN TENSIONS

REF: A. ANKARA 1974; B. ANKARA 1964 AND RELATED CABLES

1. DEPARTMENT APPRECIATES EMBASSY'S REPORTING AND ANALYSIS
TO DATE ON GREEK-TURKISH DISPUTE OVER AEGEAN. WILL
WELCOME CONTINUED TIMELY REPORTING AND COMMENTARY TO ASSIST
US TO EVALUATE SITUATION AS SEEN FROM TURKISH SIDE. AMONG
QUESTIONS OF INTEREST TO US, FOR EXAMPLE, ARE: (1) EXTENT,
IF ANY, TO WHICH TURKS ARE INCREASING DEFENSIVE READINESS
IN THRACE AND ELSEWHERE IN EASTERN TURKEY, INCLUDING
STEPPED UP AIR AND NAVAL PATROLLING OF AEGEAN; AND (2)
WHETHER TURKS AT ALL INCLINED TO LINK GREEK STAND ON
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AEGEAN ISSUE WITH CURRENT STIFFENING OF ATTITUDES ON CYPRUS
OR WHETHER THEY VIEW LATTER AS ARISING PURELY FROM DYNAMICS

OF CYPRUS SITUATION ITSELF. DEPARTMENT DOES NOT SUGGEST LINKAGE BETWEEN GOC ATTITUDES ON AEGEAN AND CYPRUS BUT WONDERS WHETHER TURKS MIGHT. WE RECOGNIZE LATTER IS SENSITIVE QUESTION WHICH IT IS DIFFICULT TO RAISE WITH GOT DIRECTLY, BUT WOULD WELCOME YOUR BEST ESTIMATE OF GOT PERCEPTIONS, SINCE THESE RELEVANT TO EVALUATIONS OF HOW TURKS MIGHT REACT IF AREA TENSIONS HEIGHTEN FURTHER.

2. WE ASSUME EMBASSY CONSIDERS ITS EVALUATION CONTAINED IN PARA 9, REF B, STILL VALID. RUSH

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